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C O N F I D E N T I A L BUENOS AIRES 1659

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: SHUM, PFOR, AR, US  
SUBJECT: GOA PROTEST OF SECRETARY VANCE'S STATEMENT

REF: (A) BUENOS AIRES 1627, (B) BUENOS AIRES 1646,  
(C) BUENOS AIRES 1651

1. I WAS SUMMONED TO THE FONOFFICE AT 10 A.M. MARCH 2  
TO RECEIVE THE GOA PROTEST FORWARDED BY REF C. THE  
FONMIN WAS GRAVE AND APPARENTLY DISTRESSED AT HAVING TO  
PRESENT THIS PROTEST. HE AGAIN EXPRESSED HIS FEELING  
OF DEEP AFFRONT AND INCOMPREHENSION THAT THE USG SHOULD  
SO BADLY MISUNDERSTAND A LOYAL FRIEND FIGHTING A  
DETERMINED ENEMY.

2. IN VIEW OF THE PREVIOUS GOA REACTIONS TO THE  
SECRETARY'S STATEMENT, THE FONMINISTRY COMMUNIQUE OF  
FEB. 28 (REF A) AND THE MINISTER OF DEFENSE'S LETTER  
(REF B), I CONSIDER THE NOTE OF PROTEST TO BE  
RESTRAINED. IT IS HIGHLY UNLIKELY THAT THE ARGENTINES  
COULD HAVE REINED IN THEIR EMOTIONAL REACTION  
TO THE DEGREE REFLECTED IN THIS NOT WITHOUT SOME BITTER  
DISCUSSIONS. AT THIS WRITING I INTERPRET THE MODERATE  
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TONE OF THE NOTE TO BE A CLEAR INDICATION THAT THE  
GOA PLACES CONSIDERABLE VALUE ON GOOD RELATIONS  
WITH THE USG.

3. THE OMISSION FROM THE NOTE OF ANY REFERENCE TO  
THE FMS CREDIT, I BELIEVE, IS THE RESULT OF CAREFUL  
DRAFTING. THE FOREIGN MINISTER MENTIONED TO ME ON

FEB 28 THAT WHAT THE USG DOES WITH ITS BUDGET-  
IS ITS OWN BUSINESS.

4. GIVEN THIS REPLY TO AN EVENT

WHICH DEEPLY OFFENDED AND HURT THIS GOVERNMENT,  
I HOPE THAT IT WILL BE POSSIBLE FOR THE SECRETARY TO  
RECEIVE THE ARGENTINE AMBASSADOR, WHO I UNDERSTAND  
IS SEEKING AN APPOINTMENT TO DISCUSS THIS ISSUE.  
IF SUCH AN APPOINTMENT IS POSSIBLE, ONE POINT WHICH  
MERITS ATTENTION IS THE FACT THAT THE ADMINISTRATION  
DID NOT CUT PROGRAMS FOR KOREA AND THE PHILIPPINES.  
THE ARGENTINES ARE BADLY HURT THAT THEY HAVE BEEN  
SINGLED OUT FOR SANCTIONS BECAUSE THEY ARE INSIGNIFICANT  
IN THE USG'S NATIONAL SECURITY CONSIDERATIONS.  
I ALSO BELIEVE IT WOULD MAKE A GREAT DEAL OF  
DIFFERENCE TO THIS GOVERNMENT IF THE USG  
WOULD SIMPLY ACKNOWLEDGE THAT THE ARGENTINE  
SITUATION IS SPECIAL IN THAT THE GOVERNMENT DOES  
FACE AN ACTIVE TERRORIST PROBLEM.

5. OUR DETAILED ASSESSMENT OF THE GOA

REACTION TO THE SECRETARY'S STATEMENT IS BEING  
PREPARED. MEANWHILE I HOPE THAT THE  
GOA HAS DECIDED AGAINST FURTHER ESCALATION  
AND WILL EXERCISE A RESTRAINING INFLUENCE ON  
THOSE ELEMENTS WHICH ARE PARTICULARLY  
OFFENDED BY THE US ACTION. WE WILL HAVE A BETTER  
READING ON THIS SITUATION AFTER THE FOREIGN MINISTER  
ISSUES THE STATEMENT ON DELIVERY OF THE NOTE  
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WHICH THE FONMIN SAID WOULD BE FORTHCOMING TODAY.  
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